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Lamberson describes a transportable placer machine, using a water source and a tank, from which water can be drawn and used over and over again

Vissac describes a machine for separating granular materials of different specific gravities, by locating sluice box and screens inside of a water source.

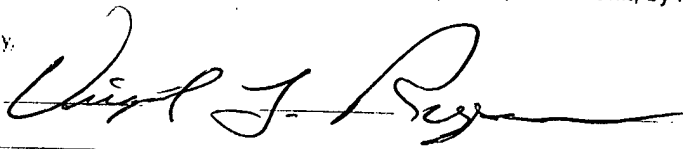
McCann describes a small recirculating and filtering unit, which uses a filter bag.

Keene Engineering describes a portable mini sluice, capable of holding only 10 gallons of water.

Nobody shows a Self-Contained Unit which, Transports its own 35 gallons of water, Transports extra mining supplies, separates, recirculates and filters its own water supply, using a combination of equipment, built on a set of axles, capable of being transported, as one unit, by means of an ATV.

Very respectfully,

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